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FOLLOWING REPEAT CALCUTTA 1915 DATED 17 AUG 75 RECEIVED NEW
DELHI BEING SENT YOUR ACTION

QUOTE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, IN

SUBJ: BANGLADESH COUP: AUGUST 16 DEMONSTRATION AT
CALCUTTA USIS CENTER AND OTHER REACTION

REF: CALCUTTA 1912

1. POLICE CLAIM THAT DEMONSTRATION AUGUST 16 WAS NOT TO
THEIR KNOWLEDGE AIMED AT USIS CENTER BUT WAS "MERELY PASSING
BY." THEY SAY DEMONSTRATION BROKE UP PEACEFULLY ABOUT 1800
HOURS. I CALLED WEST BENGAL POLICE INSPECTOR GENERAL RANJPT
GUPTA EVENING AUGUST 16 TO SEEK ASSURANCES OF PROTECTION
FOR USG PROPERTY AND AT THAT TIME EXPRESSED MY SURPRISE THAT
EEMONSTRATION COULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE AT ALL IN VIEW OF EMERGENCY
REGULATIONS BANNING PUBLIC GATHERINGS. GUPTA CLAIMED NOT TO
KNOW ABOUT DEMONSTRATION, OR PERHAPS HE MEANT HE DIDN'T KNOW
THAT THE DEMONSTRATORS HAD PROCEEDED TO THE USIS CENTER.
IN ANY EVENT THE POINT WAS MADE.

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2. THE HANDFUL OF INDIANS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TALK TO

SINCE THE COUP ALL DEPLORE IT BUT WE HAVE NOT HEARD ANYONE SAY
THAT INDIA SHOULD GO IN AND TAKE OVER BANGLADESH. THE
SOPHISTICATED RECOGNIZE THAT USG WAS NOT INVOLVED BUT SAY
WE MUST EXPECT FEW HERE TO BELIEVE THAT.
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